



COMMENT OF THE DAY

U.S. Elections

PRESIDENT Eisenhower has launched the United States election campaign for the 84th Congress and from now until November American thought will be centred around domestic politics. Outstanding international affairs include the ratification of the E.D.C. pact. This might prove embarrassing for the Republicans unless the French fall into line with the other signatories. A last minute change in the current French attitude could assist Republican hopes in this non-Presidential election year. There is no doubt that Mr. Eisenhower was responsible for the majority which brought the G.O.P. into power for the first time in two decades. Now he is on the side-lines and has to live down the embarrassments caused by members of his own party and of these Democrats can be expected to take full advantage. Among Mr. Eisenhower's achievements is the cessation of hostilities in Korea—part of his 1952 platform, but he is still taking part of the blame for the present unsatisfactory position, even though the Truman Administration was in power when the commanders called for a full-scale campaign, including bombing north of the Yalu River. The Republicans will, no doubt, make great play of alleged Communist subversive activities and the fact that they outlawed the party. This action will probably sway a certain amount of opinion, but not enough to ensure a comfortable majority in both Houses. On the other hand the tax-saving programme is more likely to have effect. The Democrats have yet to outline their platform, but it is highly improbable that they will advocate any radical changes with regard to foreign policy.

PARTY POOLS

REFERENCE has already been made to the row going on in the British Labour Party over the proposal to permit the local parties to run football pools to raise funds for the Party, under the aegis of a national company. The Sheffield branch has put forward a rival proposal to the scheme propounded in July, which its organisers call "Labour's Co-operative Football Pools". The claim is made that it will attract two million investors. Trade unions and constituency parties have been asked to discuss plans to distribute the 250,000 coupons with which the pool will start. On the basis of an average stake of 4s by two million investors £226,000 would be distributed as winnings from the total stakes of £400,000. The remainder would be distributed as follows: Betting duty, £120,000; to Labour branches, £20,000; to the objects of the society, £10,000; promoters' commission £4,000; wages and office expenses £20,000. The items under "objects of the society" would add up to £370,000 during the 37 weeks of football and of this £30,000 would go to the Labour Party's general election fund and £150,000 to 300 constituency Labour parties, as well as to educational scholarships, etc. The organiser is a former miner, named Williams. He admitted that the proposal had caused "a terrific conflict" inside the Labour Party. Prominent members of the Sheffield Labour Party also said that a storm is raging over the plan. The matter has now been referred as an issue of urgency to the National Executive. Many party members oppose football pools on religious grounds, but the organiser himself has no fears about the pool's success.

Typhoon 'Ida' Heads For Luzon

Manila, Aug. 27. The weather bureau last night issued a typhoon warning for Northern Luzon as it forecast typhoon Ida to be 430 miles east-south-east of Appari, capital of Cagayan Province at 8 a.m. today. The weather bureau reported that Ida was moving west-north-west and would be within 270 miles east of Appari at 8 p.m.—France-Press.

Sequel To Missing Launch Mystery HK Police Crew Exonerated

The crew of Police launch No. 28 were overpowered and therefore no criminal action will be taken against them, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. A. C. Maxwell, announced this morning. The launch disappeared from its mooring at Sai Kung on July 29 and was returned by the Communist authorities on August 22. Police inquiries have been completed. The papers are being forwarded to a Magistrate in order that he may determine what action may be taken under the Magistrates' (Coroners Powers) Ordinance to hold an inquiry into the death of Police Cpl Cheng Tin-cheung. Cpl Cheng's body was found floating in the sea on August 1.

False Alarm

Shortly after noon today Police vans rushed to the Bank of Canton, West, to answer an alarm. On arrival they found it to be a false alarm caused by a short circuit in the system.

Historic Foundation Stone Unearthed Hongkong Workmen's Find On Old Secretariat Site

Workmen excavating on the site of the old Colonial Secretariat Building on Tuesday morning unearthed the foundation stone of the original century-old structure which was demolished recently.

A bronze plaque with a lengthy inscription, engraved in florid characters, was fixed into the top of the stone. Under the plaque, in a little niche was a can of some unidentified metal—containing five coins dating from the tenth year of Queen Victoria's reign. (See Picture)

The five workmen who dug up the stone, reported their finding to the Clerk of Works, who in turn, informed the Architectural Office. The plaque itself was found buried in three feet of the reddish clay on the site.

The inscription on the plaque, which is at present being carefully cleaned, was barely decipherable. It is as follows:

"RECORD"

The foundation stone of this building is laid on the day of February in the Year of Our Lord, 1847, and in the 10th Year of the reign of Our Most Sovereign Lady

French Assembly Prepares For Crucial Battle

Paris, Aug. 27.

Desperate last-minute efforts were made last night to save the EDC treaty from defeat at the hands of the National Assembly.

The unofficial "Save EDC" committee, headed by ex-Premiers Antoine Pinay and Paul Reynaud, drew up its plan of campaign.

The "Europeans," as they are called here, decided their aim must be twofold:

1. Postpone the vote.
2. Renew negotiations with the five other EDC nations for some further concessions to the French viewpoint.

A motion for submission to the National Assembly is being drafted. It is expected the Government will oppose it if it comes up for discussion. If such a motion were accepted, it would involve the resignation of M. Mendes-France.

However, Socialist Deputies began to waver and now it appears that the treaty will be defeated when the National Assembly votes next week.

The Socialists who, with 105 seats, could tip the balance of power, sidestepped any punitive action against those Deputies defying the Party Executive Committee's directives in favour of the European Defence Community.

By their own actions the Socialists indicated their fear of a Party division on the issue and revealed a lack of confidence in the campaign for EDC ratification.

The next to last day before the four-day debate begins brought a fast-paced round of caucuses among various groups of the Assembly. An anti-EDC speech by Premier Mendes-France yesterday to a joint session of three Assembly commissions prompted all-out efforts by those who regard the plan as the only possible means of rearming West Germany.

DE GAULLE'S PLAN

General Charles de Gaulle issued a manifesto against the European Defence Community which he described as "a plot to deprive France of her independence and of her army and to separate her from her overseas territories."

He forecast that EDC was on the point of being shipwrecked in face of the "national refusal."

He said: "The threat weighing on the world demands that Europe shall unite and the free peoples organise their solidarity. This needs a French policy."

"The great enterprise which destiny offers France consists of this: A deliberate attempt at lessening international tension by the limitation of the means of war and the controlled prohibition of atomic weapons association of the nations of Europe in a confederation, whose arteries are the Rhine, the North Sea, the Channel, and the Mediterranean, and giving the Atlantic Pact the character of a good alliance instead of a bad protectorate."

In conclusion, de Gaulle said: "For myself and in spite of the baseness of the times, I no more abandon my belief in the greatness of France today than I did yesterday."

He also took the occasion to repeat his call for a change in the system of government of France to provide for what he called "firmness and continuity."

He criticised the Mendes-France government for refusing to stake its existence on a question upon which the very existence of France depends, — Reuter and France-Press.

Police Battle With Bavarian Strikers



Police use batons in Munich in clashes with strike pickets outside the Dekel Factory in Munich. Nearly all big firms were affected by the strike of 250,000 metal workers in Bavaria. Most of the firms have asked for police protection for those of their workers who were willing to work. The clashes developed when police tried to break up close and strong lines of strike pickets outside factories and escort those willing to work to their work-places. — London Express Photo.

Labour "Dogooders" On Stage Four Of Their China Visit

Shanghai Like Paris? It's More Like Kansas City

From Rene MacColl

Shanghai, Aug. 26.

Who called Shanghai the Paris of the East? The accent here is American despite politics and the growling of the last five unhappy years.

Yes, Messrs. Attlee and Co. find themselves tonight in a town reminding me strongly of Kansas City with a little hint of Broadway here and there.

The Hotel I'm in has a restaurant on the 14th floor and the view from it is a very creditable facsimile of what you see from the top of the R.C.A. building in New York.

My suite is American down to the last tap in the bathroom and at the airport this morning we were welcomed with big glasses of a painstaking Chinese imitation of that American soft drink which has made quite a name for itself throughout the western world.

The Hotel telephone operator answers your call with a shiny voice and twang that could be strictly Yonkers.

This city is full of bustle and life. Milling pedestrians remind you

that you are not really in Kansas City. The shops selling China silk and food look so out of place you halt expect the proprietors to step smartly forward with "How's about a little genuine Chop Suey dinner tonight, folks?"

The Bund? It is a sort of great big glorious line-up of huge buildings running along the Whangpoo River banks. Imagine the dirtiest river you ever saw plus a whole lot of ships, then line up something like the cross between Lakeshore Drive, Chicago and Somerset House, London on stilts, slimmer gently under a pitiless sun, add a portrait of Mao and that's Shanghai as Mr. Attlee sees it tonight.

There used to be night-life, but not like Paris. Now it's a question of a delicious cup of tea and the great big voice on the loudspeaker saying "If the lady and gent now going past the bandstand don't dance further apart, they'll be asked, with regret, to leave the floor."

Seven dance halls have been closed in the last few weeks but everyone stoutly denies this has anything to do with the visit of Mr. Attlee and the "Dogooders" who are referred to — I must report — as the "circus" by the hard-pressed undaunted remnants of the British trading community here.

The British Consul, Mr. Allan Veitch has lived the oddest sort of life for the last three years. We regard him as our consul. The Chinese don't — to them he is simply just another Britisher here on sufferance for he has no official standing.

He was not approached about the Attlee visit because no one ever has anything to do with him anyway.

The Shanghai Race Course — that glamour spot where British women used to carry on their flirtations with a high octave content that British women inject into oriental flirtations — is today just a People's Park.

This is a city of a swarming, eager, insistent 6,000,000. Tonight we were all at the Mayor's banquet with Mr. Attlee, giving a stereotyped speech about friendship with China but forgetting peaceful co-existence for once.

ASKED EIGHT QUESTIONS Mr. Attlee was sitting up against a huge bank of glorious flowers. Except that when you get that many flowers it tends to look like another sort of function entirely.

But never mind — there we all were downing sharks fins with convincing abandon and asking the right sort of questions about the growth of population and so forth. — London Express Service.

Nationalist Post Attacked

Communist Landing On Kinmen Island

Tokyo, Aug. 27.

Peking Radio claimed today that a Communist Chinese naval party had landed on Nationalist-held Kinmen Island, off the coast of South China, on the night of August 23 and attacked Nationalist units.

The broadcast said the party killed "more than 10" Nationalist troops and captured one. It said the landing was made in two groups in the Kunming district of Kinmen.

The Communist announcement did not claim capture of the island. Its use of the term "naval patrol party" suggested that the raiders made no attempt to seize control.

Kinmen lies astride the entrance to Amoy, directly opposite Formosa.

MIGHT BE BLUFF

In Washington, Military officials said the reported Chinese attack on Kinmen Island, if true, might be a bluff to test American reaction or a Communist effort to "save face" following the Communists' threat to capture Formosa.

Neither the State nor Defense Department would comment on the report.

A Navy spokesman said no word had been received here on the reported clash and he could not evaluate its significance. But other military officials said they did not think the incident, if it proved to have taken place, was in the "big picture" involved in the area.

This presumably refers to the United States' warning that the U.S. Seventh Fleet, now in waters off China, will defend the Nationalist-held strongholds of Formosa and the neighbouring Pescadore Islands.

NO U.S. ACTION

These officials added that they were relatively sure the alleged Communist thrust at Kinmen would not bring the Seventh Fleet into action.

For one thing, the island is only 10 to 13 miles off the China coast and as such is almost part of the Chinese mainland. In contrast, approximately 125 miles of water separates Kinmen from Formosa, refuge of Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

United Press reported earlier this week that high-level discussions were being held here to decide whether the U.S. protectorate over Formosa should be extended to other Nationalist islands off the China coast. Such a move, if adopted, presumably would not extend to Kinmen because of its closeness to the China coast.

NO EVIDENCE

Observers speculated that the Communists having threatened to "liberate" Formosa, held here have staged an attack on Kinmen to make it appear they are starting to back up their threat.

U.S. authorities said, however, there is no evidence of the type of build-up in Red China that would have to precede an effort to invade Formosa itself. — United Press.

BIG STORM THREAT TO MIAMI

Miami, Aug. 26.

A tropical storm with winds of 65 to 70 miles per hour boiled up in the Atlantic 275 miles east of Daytona Beach and the Miami Weather Bureau warned that it "may" soon reach hurricane force.

In its first advice on the storm, the Weather Bureau said the blow was moving on a northward or north-north-westward course at a speed of about 12 miles per hour. It has been dubbed "Carol" since it is the third tropical storm of the season.

The storm is expected to maintain the same speed and course during the next 12-13 hours, the Weather Bureau said, but it is increasing slowly in intensity and may soon reach hurricane force. — United Press.



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'FREEDOM PERIMETER'

Anniversary Of Paris Liberation

Paris, Aug. 26.
Ten F-84 jet planes from the Rhems air base shrieked over the Avenue des Champs Elysees in Paris today as the French capital celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Liberation with an impressive parade.

The sun came out for a change, and a large crowd assembled along the famous avenue to cheer the marching troops composed of former soldiers and former members of the resistance wartime leaders, as well as the former members of concentration camps.

A British military band played, and the allies were also well represented in the diplomatic corps, which turned out in strength. Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union were represented by attaches.

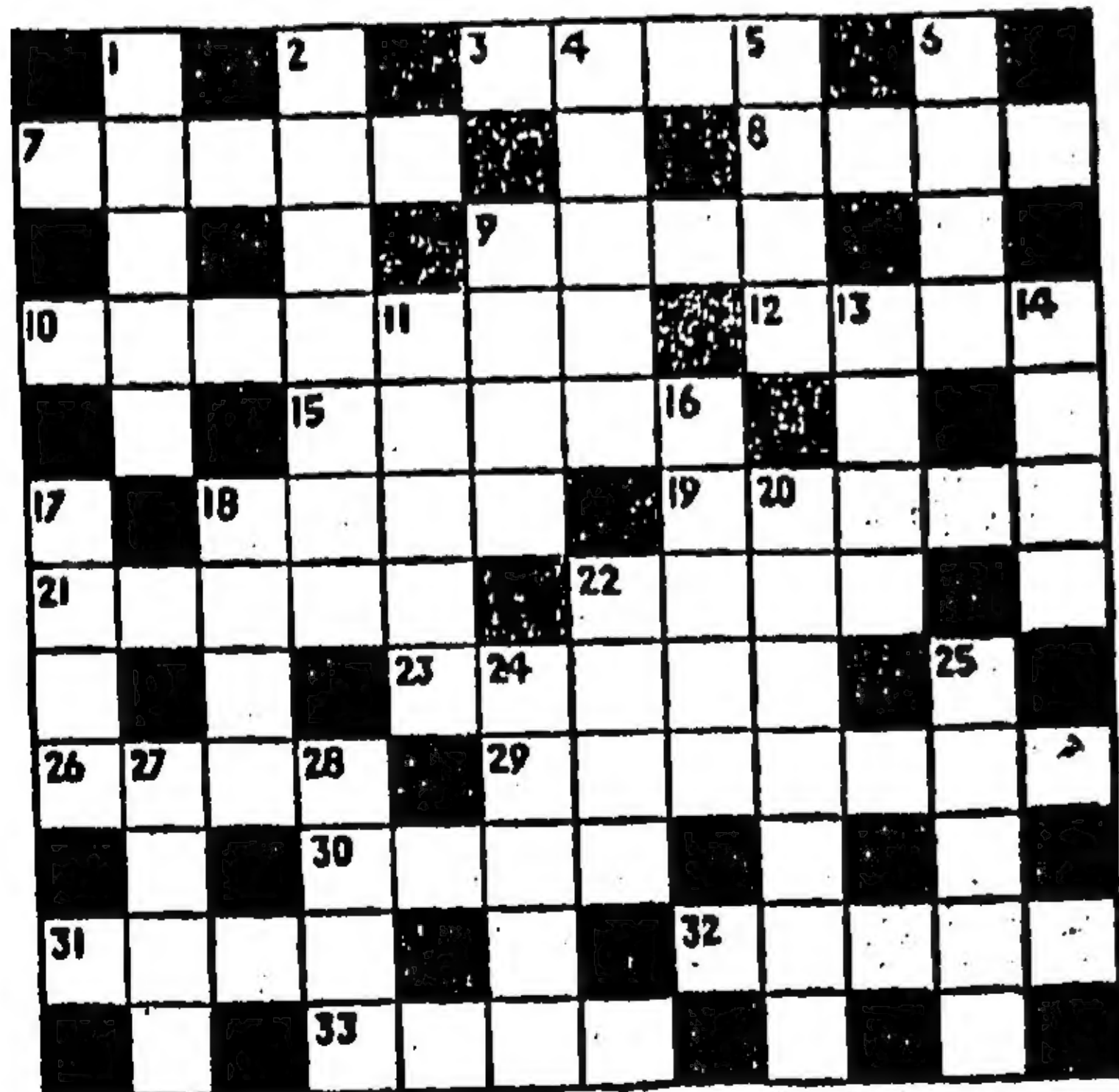
Huge Iron Ore Carrier Completed

Tokyo, Aug. 26.
A reception party was held today aboard the iron ore carrier Nishiyama Maru, 15,000 tons, at Tokyo Bay, Tokyo, to commemorate its completion. A party was attended by many Government officials and civilians.

Australian Cars For Asia

Melbourne, Aug. 26.
Mr. E. C. Dunn, Managing Director of the Australian car manufacturing firm of General Motors Holden Limited, announced here today that the company expects to export its Holden cars to Indonesia, the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries, later this year.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Blackley (4).
 - Voiced (5).
 - Unit of length (4).
 - Brook (4).
 - Correct behaviour (7).
 - Young animal (4).
 - Teams (5).
 - Valley (4).
 - Urgo (5).
 - Accumulate (5).
 - Kind of antelope (5).
 - Cook (4).
 - Prevalent stone (7).
 - Forest (4).
 - Attitude (4).
 - Common (4).
 - Look after (4).
- DOWN**
- Beverage (5).
 - Rests (7).
 - Peal (5).
 - Bank (4).
 - Dress (4).
 - Boorish (4).
 - Wash out (5).
 - Assert (4).
 - Manager (slang) (4).
 - Backbone (5).
 - Transparent mineral (4).
 - Fruit (4).
 - Revelation (7).
 - Domesticated (4).
 - Shade of yellow (5).
 - Obvious (5).
 - Express decision (4).
 - Worry (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD Across: 1. Chase (4). 2. Cover (10). 3. Banal (11). 4. Idea (13). 5. Delicate (10). 6. Ends (14). 7. Lot (15). 8. Apprentice (23). 9. Acre (24). 10. Uncle (25). 11. Vests (26). 12. Era (27). 13. Titled (28). 14. Down: 1. Novel (3). 2. Shrub (4). 3. Embark (5). 4. Penitent (6). 5. Isle (8). 6. Laden (12). 7. Aisle (13). 8. Doll (14). 9. Inspect (17). 10. Turns (18). 11. Arise (20). 12. Novel (21). 13. Faint (22). 14. Cure (23).

RAGPICKERS' JOURNAL

Tokyo, Aug. 27.
Tokyo's ragpickers, numbering several thousands, are soon to have their own newspaper, edited and published by themselves.

The paper, called Shinsekai Shimbun (New Life Newspaper), is the brain-child of a community of 1,800 ragpickers living in the compounds of Tokyo temple.

Backed by several prominent Japanese, including politicians and writers, the paper will consist of two pages and will be the "Voice and Ear" of the ragpickers.—Reuter.

Turncoat's Allegations Denied

Bonn, Aug. 26.
Allegations made in an East German press conference today by Karl Franz Schmidt-Wittmack, former West German member of Parliament who fled to the Soviet Zone, have produced a flood of denials from official quarters here.

The charges that "secret conferences" were held this summer between SHATE commander, General Alfred Gruenther, and a Bonn Government delegation headed by military adviser Adolf Heusinger on alleged plans to set up 24 West German divisions, with three denials here.

The allegation was denied by the United States High Commission, by the office of Theodor Heuss, West German Commissioner for security questions, and by General Heusinger himself (General Gruenther denied it in Paris).

"SHAMELESS LIES"
Meanwhile, Dr. Heinrich Brentano, president of the Christian Democratic Parliamentary Group to which Schmidt-Wittmack had belonged, accused the former member of parliament of having uttered "shameless lies."

Schmidt-Wittmack had claimed that Brentano had approved his criticisms of the "dictatorial manner" with which Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, a Christian Democrat, conducted government matters.

Dr. Brentano said he had never spoken for more than a few minutes with the former member of parliament and had never discussed this question with him.—France-Press.

Withdrawal Of U.S. Air Combat Units To Strategic Points

Tokyo, Aug. 26.
The movement of American air combat units from Korea backwards to Japan was accepted here last night as part of a strategic rearrangement of force anticipating the military decisions of next week's SEATO conference in the Philippines.

The American Army is calling back four divisions from Korea. The Fifth Air Force headquarters, which throughout the Korean war, controlled the historical first jet age clashes between MIGs and Sabres, is coming back to Japan.

But the Air Force announcement of this withdrawal suggested its place in respect of a major military operation. It can move out of Japan anywhere, with full support from the United States at any time within 24 hours.

Diplomatic sources here say that the United States is expected at the Manila conference to define more closely the previously published proposal that Western nations should draw a line beyond which Communist aggression and infiltration will provoke vigorous counter-action.

Yesterday's Air Force announcement was purely a bold military statement of the fact. It was anticipated that within a week or two, probably at Manila, the United States would explain that the American striking force was being held at strategic points in the Pacific and the Far East to hold a line on which SEATO Powers will be asked to agree.

DEMARCATION LINE
Thus, while ground forces and air forces are pulling out of Korea, it is believed the military demarcation line there will be part of a "freedom perimeter."

The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, if the Manila conference succeeds, will be expected to establish the military system needed to hold this line. On present indications between Nationalist and Communist China, the boundaries of Thailand, Malaya and Burma, and an Himalaya-Caucasus boundary dependent on the success of Western diplomacy in that general area.

Refusal of India and Burma to attend SEATO leaves gaps in the perimeter from a military point of view.

According to high American military planners here, United States strategists have taken into account the possibilities inherent in this diplomatic situation. If diplomacy cannot hold the line, military men say, there is still another line behind the perimeter.

This is the boundary of the American base system extending from Japan through the Philippines with the great base at Okinawa as a key point, behind Hawaii and American western seaboard bases.

It is to this general area that the United States command is withdrawing ground forces and air units.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON
Tokyo, Aug. 26.
The announcement today that United States Fifth Air Force was withdrawing some of its units from Korea to other areas in the Far East and the United States, left doubts in the future of Australia's 77 Fighter Squadron.

Speculation here was that the squadron's future would be decided after decisions reached at next week's SEATO conference at Manila.

Newspaper reports suggested that Australia was prepared to establish a military force as a contribution to SEATO so there was a possibility that the 77 Squadron would be part of a force based elsewhere.—Reuter.

CANADIAN DESTROYERS
Ottawa, Aug. 26.
Canada would probably begin withdrawing her destroyer flotilla from Korea in the next few months, Defence officials said today.

They were commenting on a Washington report that the US Navy was cutting down on its Pacific fleet, now that fighting had stopped in Indo-China as well as Korea. Canada has maintained three destroyers in Korea since July 1950, a month after the outbreak of the Korean war.

Last week, it was announced that Canada would withdraw about two-thirds of her 6,000-man infantry brigade in Korea. Altogether eight Canadian destroyers participated in the Korean war, some of them doing two or three one-year tours of duty.—Reuter.

NO 'MISS NUDISM' CONTEST ON THE DANUBE
Vienna, Aug. 27.
Nudists from 10 nations assemble on a Danube island today (Friday) for their annual convention but there will not be any beauty queens or similar frivolities.

The convention plans to confine itself to the bare essentials. The congress, taking place in a specially-erected tent city on an island in a marshy Danube swamp south of here, is officially the "Fourth International Nudist Congress."

"Sun lovers from the United States, Canada, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, Italy, Portugal and Austria have gathered for the festivities but an official spokesman said today that the Congress is taking place on a serious note.

Foreign Students Help With Flax Harvest



Fernando Sanna and George Pudda from Italy, with Daniel Vienne and Jean-Philippe Bernis from France, are some of the students now helping with the flax harvest which is in full swing at Harrietsham, Kent, England. The students are interested in the study of flax. Instead of being cut as with other crops, flax is pulled from the ground in its entirety and the seeds, like little round berries, are formed at the same time as harvesting takes place. After the pulled flax has stood for a period of time to allow for ripening, it is sent to various cotton mills for manufacture into fibre.—Express Photo.

Russians Relax Driving Tests For Diplomats

Moscow, Aug. 26.
Soviet driving tests, possibly the most difficult in the world, have been eased for foreign diplomats in Moscow.

A young British diplomat and an American are the first members of the diplomatic corps to secure driving licences in two years. Their success followed a long list of "failures." Even with the new relaxation, the three-hour Russian examination is believed to be the most thorough in Europe.

ANTI-THUG PET

Port Elizabeth, Aug. 26.
Miss D. Macqueen, Port Elizabeth typist, has no fear of thugs when little "Snookums" is in her handbag.

For within seconds she can have her three-foot-long leguan pet nestling round her neck—a sight to daunt the bravest of men.

Miss Macqueen has had the reptile since it was only six inches long, two years ago. A friend who rescued it from a cat gave it to her.

Snookums usually spends his days in a cage at Miss Macqueen's home. At night he sleeps in a basket in her bedroom.

The trouble is that eventually he will probably grow to about 12 feet.—China Mail Special.

IF LABOUR IS RETURNED

Understanding
With Reds
Envisaged

New York, Aug. 26.
The New York World Telegram said today that if the British Labour Party were to regain power "a British-Russian understanding could not be ruled out."

The Scripps-Howard newspaper said Mr. Clement Attlee, the British opposition leader, had been most friendly with the United States when his Party was in office before. "But that was expedient then, for it was the period of the British loans and the Marshall Plan."

The newspaper added: "Mr. Attlee almost completely has reversed his position since he has been minority leader in Parliament, and today his views are more in accord with those of Moscow and Peking than they are with ours."—Reuter.

French Complain
Not Enough
Prisoners

Paris, Aug. 26.
The French High Command in Indo-China has protested to the Communist Vietnamese about the alleged slowness with which French prisoners are being repatriated, according to reports reaching here today.

Under the exchange plan which started on August 10, 1,000 prisoners were due to be exchanged each day. The exchanges were due to end today, according to the Geneva agreement but this now appears most unlikely.

The French complaining that not enough of their men were being repatriated suggested that the number of exchange points be increased.—Reuter.

Oran, Aug. 26.
Police here have arrested a 25-year-old "Professor" who was earning £100,000 (£100 sterling) a lesson teaching how to make philosophy, a stimulant drug.

Police believe that the "Professor" a graduate chemistry student, had given secret lessons to more than 50 people before he was caught. — China Mail Special.

It involves four visits to a Russian "Polyclinic" for medical checks which include X-ray examinations and an examination by a neurologist. An American who tried for a licence had his head X-rayed.

For 90 minutes, the aspiring driver is given an oral examination on the rules of the road. He is expected to know the entire contents of a 110-page book on the highway code. One of the successful candidates studied the code for nine months before he entered for the test.

BLACK MARKS
There is an examination with model cars, and then a 45-minute drive round Moscow as a practical check that the driver knows all the road signs.

The Russians are hard on any traces of bad driving. Two "black marks" can mean the loss of a driving licence. Every licence has a coupon marked "No. 1". If the driver is involved in an accident and is to blame, the coupon is exchanged for another marked "No. 2".

If he has a second accident, his licence may be taken away by the police.—China Mail Special.

THE QUEEN'S GESTURE

Portrait Painter Excused

Wellington, Aug. 26.
The Queen has postponed sittings before the portrait painter Mr. Edward Halliday, so he will be free to come to Christchurch, New Zealand, in October to paint a testimonial portrait of the great New Zealand benefactor, Sir John McKenzie.

Mr. J. J. Delahunt, Convenor of the special committee of Wellington businessmen to consider a testimonial to Sir John said this here today.

The most recent bequest by Sir John and Lady McKenzie and family—announced by the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Sidney Holland, last December—was £1,000,000 investments for charitable, educational, and benevolent purposes throughout New Zealand.

Mr. Delahunt said that "Her Majesty, on learning of the tentative arrangements for Mr. Halliday to come to New Zealand, spontaneously and graciously deferred her commission until after his return."

"We appreciate very deeply this gracious gesture on the part of Her Majesty,"—China Mail Special.

Old Skull For Canada

London, Aug. 26.
A human skull nearly 7,000 years old, unearthed at Jericho last year, is to cross the Atlantic to Canada in a British Overseas Airways Corporation "Strato-cruiser" on Friday night.

The features of the skull have been restored in plaster. It was found with six others when the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem was carrying out excavations at Jericho in conjunction with the American School.

"Investigation" has since produced evidence of a massacre about 5,000 B.C., with which the skulls are probably connected.

The skull is to go to a Canadian museum. Because it is extremely fragile it will have to be in his personal care during the flight.—China Mail Special.

74 Juveniles Escape

Tokyo, Aug. 26.
The police today said 74 inmates escaped from a juvenile reformatory at Inba, in Chiba Prefecture, near Tokyo, after starting a riot this morning.

The police said they have caught 47 so far. Many of the others committed armed robbery and theft soon after their escape and were still at large.

The police said the reformatory was for juveniles who had committed "offences of the worst degree," including murder and armed robbery. There were normally 200 inmates in custody at the reformatory.—China Mail Special.

Paris, Aug. 26.
The British Labour Party delegation, headed by former Premier Clement Attlee, arrived in Shanghai from Peking this afternoon, the Communist New China News Agency reported.

They were accompanied by Chen Tu-wei, Vice-President of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs.—France-Press.

American Butter For Hongkong

Washington, Aug. 26.
The Agriculture Department today announced three sales of butter from its surplus stocks totalling 99,605 lbs. for commercial export to Hongkong, the Philippine Islands, Peru and Mexico.

The sales were: 29,940 lbs. of grade A at 41 cents a lb. to the Bunge Corporation of New York for shipment to Peru; 35,100 lbs. grade B at 39 cents a lb. to International Packers Ltd., Chicago, also for shipment to Peru; and 34,565 lbs. grade B at 39 cents a lb. to Golden State Co., Ltd., San Francisco, for shipment to Mexico, Hongkong and the Philippines.

With these sales, the Department said its total sales of surplus butter amounted to 623,802 lbs.

At the same time the Department announced that sales of Government-owned butter for use as an extender in cocoa butter had now reached 900,000 lbs. These sales were under a special programme to use the butter as a substitute for short and high priced cocoa.—China Mail Special.

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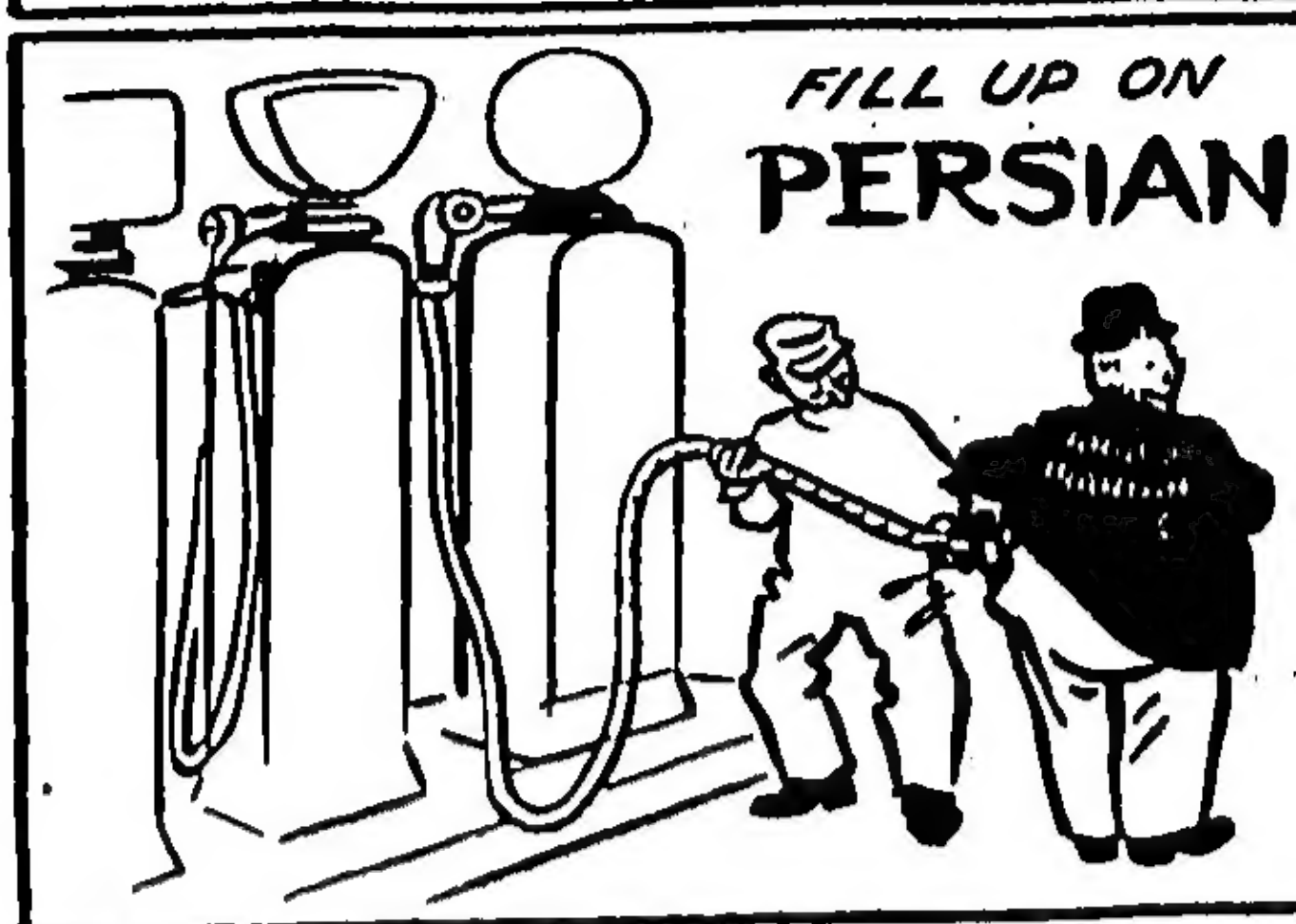
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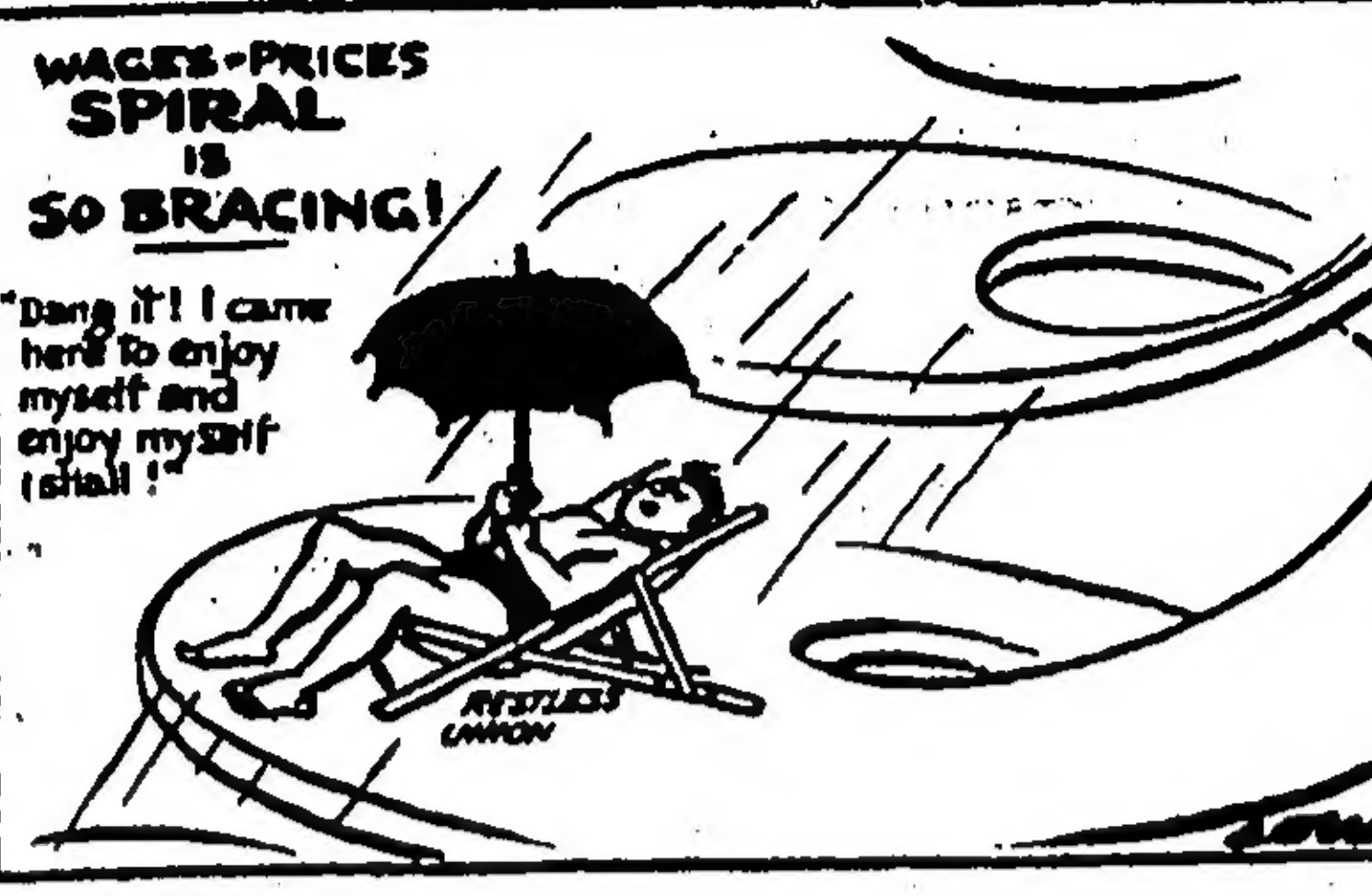
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NEW ORDERS FOR RED TRADE UNIONS

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TRADE unions in the Communist countries have recently received fresh instructions from their political masters. In numerous reviews of the economic situation in the USSR and in the satellites, special emphasis has been laid upon the role of trade unions as "schools for Communism."

Of course, Communist trade unions are part and parcel of the State machine. In the industrial countries of the free world the unions form an alternative focus of power — they are often in sharp conflict with employers and bureaucrats and, through their independence, have won for themselves great influence in bargaining about wages and conditions of work. It is a system which, whatever its defects, does, in the last resort, guarantee the basic rights of the working man. It enables him, by collective action, to challenge the superior power of business or government.

Communist trade unions have nothing in common with this system. Their theory is the simple one that, "capitalism" having been abolished, there is no conflict of interest between workers and employers (i.e. State executives); that "both sides of industry" are united by bonds of mutual affection and that the Communist Party determines where this affection shall lead. In the one-party State they are, in Lenin's classic phrase, "transmission belts" for the decrees of the ruling party.

EXPLOITED

This is the fictitious dictatorship of the proletariat; in reality, the proletariat is controlled by the ruling party. With their trade unions part of the State administration (like Hitler's Arbeitsfront) the workers must fit in with the twists and turns of State planning. And by the device of wage-fixing through production norms they can be exploited "in their own interest." For the job of the Communist trade unions is to boost production at minimum cost, and all else is subordinated to this end.

The role of the Communist unions as agents of labour discipline commits their leaders (prominent Communists) to the role of stooges to the employers

Nothing of this has changed since Stalin's death. The much-boasted "New Course" in the Soviet orbit has brought no new freedoms to the workers or to his unions. The position was succinctly described by Novotny, First Secretary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, at his Party Congress on June 10, 1954. The trade unions' job, he said, is "to mobilise the workers for active participation in the building of Socialism." He went on to attack "anarcho-syndicalist ideas" that "trade unions should assist in the completion of economic plans and in other tasks which belong to the State authorities."

WARNINGS

Or, in the words of Istvan Kristof, former President of the Hungarian TUC, "Communist trade unions must make every effort to enforce Party resolutions." (Hungarian Party Congress May 10, 1954).

Now these "resolutions" bear very heavily upon the ordinary worker. This summer the Communist authorities throughout Eastern Europe seem desperately anxious to cut "the rate for the job" Russian and satellite

workers have been managing to do too little work for the money they earn. There is a great drive to lower production costs — by getting the trade unions to raise the "labour norms."

This was made abundantly clear by Shvernik, chairman of the All Union Congress of Soviet Trade Unions. Opening the Moscow Trade Union Congress in June 1954, he argued that "labour norms are lower than the level technically justified." Norms, he claimed, had been established "which fail to stimulate increased labour productivity."

The implication is plain. Where there has been high production it has come through low output per man-hour, offset by overtime at higher rates of pay and the hiring of extra hands. The warning is plain still: these practices must cease. Labour norms are to be tightened, and overtime, which workers the world over find lucrative, is to be reduced.

Throughout the Soviet empire there have been similar warnings to trade unions about the need for "progressive technical norms." In plain language, this means simply that the rate for the job in Communist countries is just not low enough! Communist trade union leaders, therefore, must help the Party bosses in driving the rates down

to the level decreed by the State.

Imagine what the Communists would say about such a policy in a "capitalist" country!

Why has this fresh drive against wages become so urgent? As 1954 progresses, so the satellite leaders have become more and more worried. For, clearly, the "New Economic Course" was being taken too seriously, with the result, as top Hungarian Communist Rakosi recently put it, that there has been "impermissible liberalisation," especially in the wages field.

ATTACK

So the attack on the workers' wage packets is in full blast in the USSR and in the satellites. Anyone who resists the attack will be accused of the standard sins, i.e. "liberalism," "social democracy" or "anarcho-syndicalism."

That is why the Shverniks and the Kristofs have been called in this summer — to make a decent living still harder to get in the Soviet empire, to dim the hopes of a more "liberal" economy, and to get more effort for less pay. It is a role for which Shvernik and Co. are very well suited. For as "champions of the working class" they have a long record of failure behind them. As whipmasters, as privileged agents of the new Red elite they have been, and are, an outstanding success.

'Colleague' Replaces 'Comrade' At The Leipzig Fair

By EDWARD HILTON

Berlin. HEIGH-HO, come to the fair! This seems to be the theme song of the East Germans who are organising the Leipzig trade fair this year from September 5 to September 15.

The sun wasn't shining to welcome us but the smiles of the officials at the Communist East Berlin booking office more than made up for it.

"Be nice to foreigners!" is the order from the Communist hierarchy and we were greeted with open arms.

"Please be seated, mister," said a careless official. "Bring up a chair, herr colleague. Bring some English pamphlets, miss colleague." (My companion told me "comrade" is out of fashion in East Germany; "colleague" has replaced it).

Within five minutes of entering the austere office, I was back on the pavement with all my papers and

loaded with highly-coloured brochures and pamphlets.

On the other side of the road, high up on a bombed building, the picture of the President of East Germany, Herr Wilhelm Pieck, smiled gently down upon me, adding his blessing to that of his minor officials.

Later, I looked through the papers.

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The first amazing thing is that a visa to enter East Germany is not necessary. I can drive through Berlin to Leipzig (109 miles) and not until I report to the Russians in Leipzig do I get a visa.

In my possession now are:

1. A fair identity card. A polite note urges me to "write legibly" to accelerate entry.
2. A certificate of what I possess when I enter East Germany.

3. A lodging ticket entitling me to a hotel room.
4. A form of arrival to be handed to the police.
5. A declaration of currency in my possession.

Never before have foreigners found it so easy to get into Communist Germany, and never have they been so warmly welcomed.

Three Western air companies are being allowed to fly to the city — the Dutch KLM, the Belgian Sabena, and Swiss Air. Or if you fly from East Berlin you can go by Czechoslovakian plane at much reduced fares.

"Take your business seriously" is the trend of welcoming letters and posters. "But, if you happen to have any spare time, then Leipzig can give you cultural and educational spare time activity!"

"Leipzig expects you, and welcomes you," ends an inviting letter.

Pride of place at the fair is being given to Russia, which has an enormous exhibition hall, closely followed by China. Western exhibitors are only mentioned in passing.

THE MINISTER CALLS IN HARLEY STREET

How valid are the claims made for faith-healing? In the Church of England an Archbishop's Commission is hearing evidence on this controversial question. But meanwhile, one of London's most celebrated ministers treats illness with the help of a panel of psychiatrists. He is Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, president-elect of the Methodist Conference — who tells here what he believes.

THE Methodists have a way of choosing unusual men to lead them.

Last year they elected as President Dr. Donald "Soapbox" Soper, the outdoor orator who criticised the Queen for racing and Prince Philip for playing polo on Sunday.

For next year they have picked a Methodist minister who preaches at a Congregational church, a minister who is an author and psychologist. He is 61-year-old Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, of the City Temple, Holborn.

One of the surprising things about Dr. Weatherhead is that he was ever admitted to an orthodox church of the more strait-laced variety. For he is a most unorthodox clergyman.

Heckle, please

Dr. Weatherhead will stop a church service half way to let people go out for a cup of tea or a cigarette. "You really need to be a theologian to enjoy a formal church service," he says.

He invites people to ask questions, and answers them. "I like being heckled."

On matters of theological doctrine bitterly debated by ardent churchmen, Dr. Weatherhead says: "I can't see that it matters. Who has ever morally gone wrong through believing or disbelieving in the Trinity?"

And on subjects like smoking, dancing or betting, he says: "There are so many real sins, it seems a pity to invent any more."

Dr. Weatherhead is a man of medium build, with fine white hair set in a halo round a balding head, a soft tenor voice, and smouldering brown eyes.

He has written books on fear, inferiority complexes, anxiety, depression, and how to overcome them.

When he was Minister at the Brunswick Methodist Church in Leeds, a group of men told him that the Church seemed to have nothing to say about their biggest problem — sex.

Sex book

Dr. Weatherhead went to work. He wrote a book on sex, a scientific practical book giving the biological facts, the more common psychological problems of perversion, and mishandled sex, and sound advice on how to treat them.

Some of the "startling" facts published from the Kinsey reports could have been found

in Dr. Weatherhead's book published in 1951.

As a practising psychologist, he is inclined to analyse his own actions as they occur and those of his family. A habit which occasionally brings a protest from his silver-haired wife.

At the City Temple Dr. Weatherhead works with a panel of eight Harley Street psychiatrists, treating people with mental, emotional and physical illnesses.

They are not of the race of "faith healers." They do not believe in cures made by mass prayers on the public platform.

"We have seen the lame walk," says Dr. Weatherhead. "Faith healing is certainly possible. But unless you find out the real cause of the illness, such a 'cure' may cure only the symptom, and the patient may develop a much worse symptom later on."

His aim is to fill the "no-man's land" between doctor and minister. The doctor is inclined to tell a patient: "You are run down. Take a holiday. Take a tonic." The clergyman says: "Live a good life. Say your prayers. Trust in God."

Neither remedy by itself does the patient much good, says Dr. Weatherhead.

The cure

Dr. Weatherhead and his panel claim to have cured diseases ranging from nervous breakdowns to physical lameness and so-called epilepsy.

One typical patient he describes was a child of 11, called Bobby, who was said to be an epileptic. He had fits, sometimes twice in a day. He was dull at school and irritable at home.

Under hypnosis, Bobby told the story of a wartime bombing raid, when a pillow was put over his head to shield him and he thought he was being suffocated. He had a fear phobia. Once that fear was released, and Bobby knew he had nothing to be afraid of, he got better. "He has not had a fit since that treatment 18 months ago," says Dr. Weatherhead.

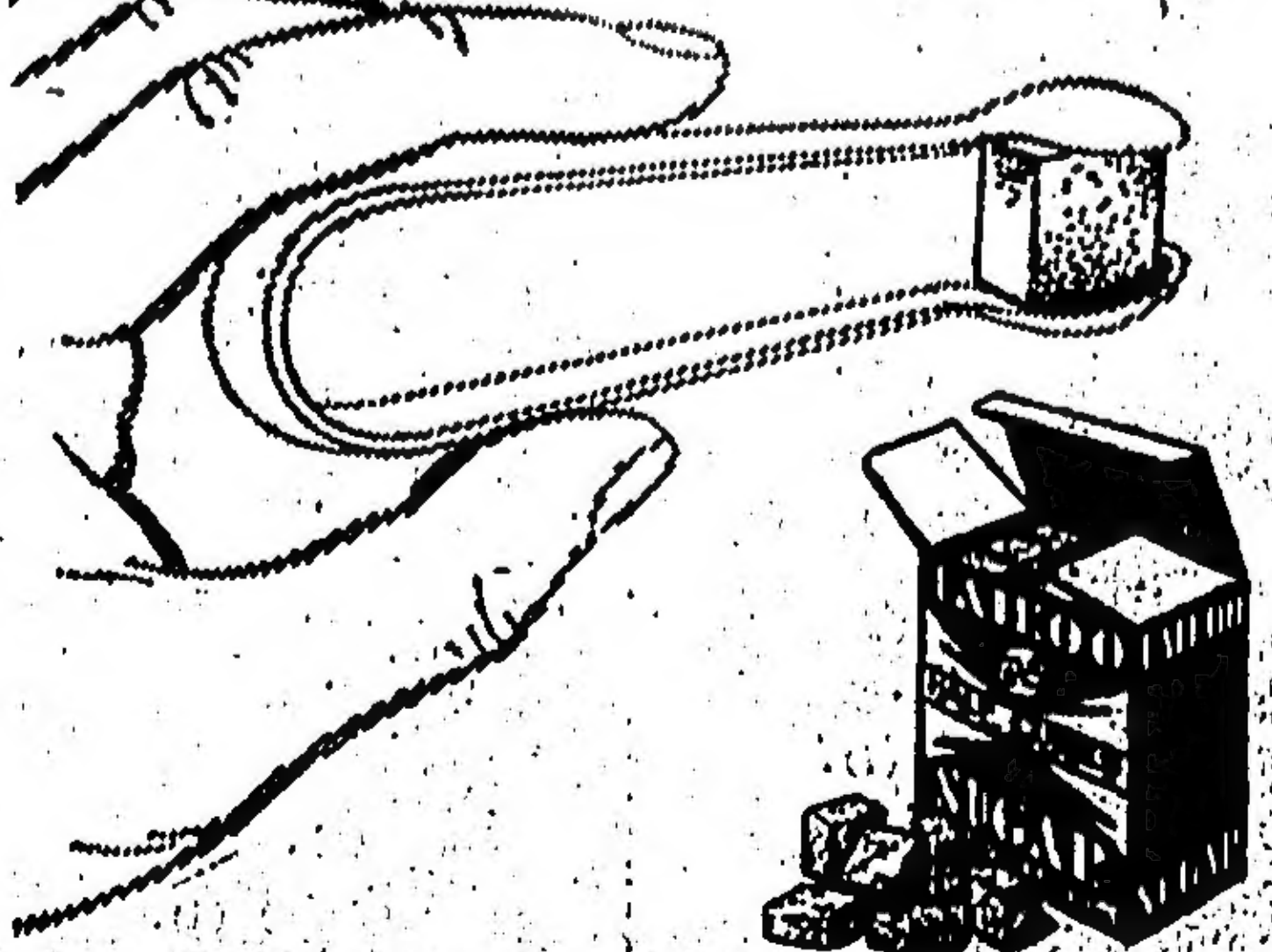
Dr. Weatherhead believes that ministers should get more training in psychology, and be able to work with the doctors.

"Religion and psychology are inevitably wedded," he says. Psychological troubles are mainly due to a faulty adjustment to life and reality. Religion offers the perfect adjustment.

"Good psychology is never bad religion. Good religion is never bad psychology."

— Mary Hewat

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

One Bad Play Leads To Bridge Disaster

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH couldn't open today's hand with a bid of two no-trump, since that would show 22 to 24 points with all suits stopped. South had only 21 points, and the spade suit was very much unstopped.

When North could respond with one spade, however, South had to come out from behind the bushes. North could be counted on for a spade stoppage with a count for at least 6 points. Hence all suits would be safely stopped and the combined count would be at least enough for game. South's energetic leap to three no-trump showed his immense strength.

The contract was quite reasonable, but South should have been defeated. He made his

NORTH		
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974		
WEST		
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K103		
J1090		
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EAST		
A92		
Q702		
853		
K83		
SOUTH (D)		
54		
AJ85		
AKQ		
AQJ10		
North-South vul		
South	West	North
1♠	Pass	1♠
2NT	Pass	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass
(Opening lead—♦J)		

contract because East in the suit of player who likes to trust to his instinct rather than to scientific play.

West led the jack of diamonds, and South won and led a spade to dummy's king. East very properly held off. Declarer successfully finessed the queen of clubs and led his other spade towards dummy's queen. West followed suit with the eight of spades, and East consulted his instinct once again.

It was a bad day for instinct, or perhaps the wind was blowing from the wrong direction. At any rate, East held up his ace a second time. This was a serious mistake.

South took a second club finesse and then made three tricks. East held up his ace a second time. This was a serious mistake.

If East had been scientific, he would have known that West held three spades and that South could therefore hold only two. (If West had two or four spades, he would play the eight first and then the six. His actual play of the six first and then the eight of spades showed that he had exactly three cards in that suit.)

If East had known this, he would have taken the second round of spades with his ace. South would make only one spade trick and would have to give up a club trick sooner or later. He would therefore win only eight tricks, for a one-trick set.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable the bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Diamond Double ?

You, South, hold: Spades 9-7-4, Hearts 8-6-3-2, Diamonds J-10-2, Clubs 6-5-2. What do you do?

A—Pass. You fear the worst, but you can do nothing about it.

TODAY'S QUESTION

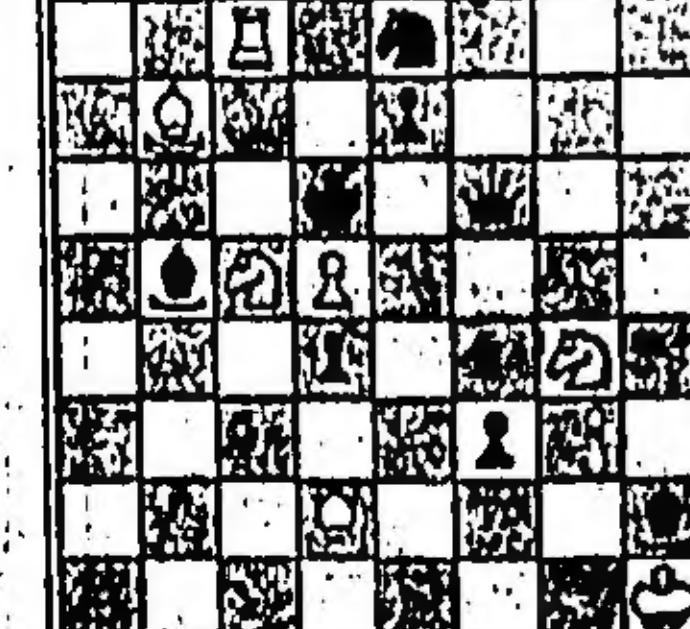
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-7-4, Hearts K-6-3-2, Diamonds J-10-2, Clubs 6-5-2. What do you do?

Answer: Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. F. EERKES

Black, 3 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.

White to play; mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-B4, 2. Q-B5, 3. Q-B6, 4. Q-B7, 5. Q-B8, 6. Q-B9, 7. Q-B10, 8. Q-B11, 9. Q-B12, 10. Q-B13, 11. Q-B14, 12. Q-B15, 13. Q-B16, 14. Q-B17, 15. Q-B18, 16. Q-B19, 17. Q-B20, 18. Q-B21, 19. Q-B22, 20. Q-B23, 21. Q-B24, 22. Q-B25, 23. Q-B26, 24. Q-B27, 25. Q-B28, 26. Q-B29, 27. Q-B30, 28. Q-B31, 29. Q-B32, 30. Q-B33, 31. Q-B34, 32. Q-B35, 33. Q-B36, 34. Q-B37, 35. Q-B38, 36. Q-B39, 37. Q-B40, 38. Q-B41, 39. Q-B42, 40. Q-B43, 41. Q-B44, 42. Q-B45, 43. Q-B46, 44. Q-B47, 45. Q-B48, 46. Q-B49, 47. Q-B50, 48. Q-B51, 49. Q-B52, 50. Q-B53, 51. Q-B54, 52. Q-B55, 53. Q-B56, 54. Q-B57, 55. Q-B58, 56. Q-B59, 57. Q-B60, 58. Q-B61, 59. Q-B62, 60. Q-B63, 61. Q-B64, 62. Q-B65, 63. Q-B66, 64. Q-B67, 65. Q-B68, 66. Q-B69, 67. Q-B70, 68. Q-B71, 69. Q-B72, 70. Q-B73, 71. Q-B74, 72. Q-B75, 73. Q-B76, 74. Q-B77, 75. Q-B78, 76. Q-B79, 77. Q-B80, 78. Q-B81, 79. Q-B82, 80. Q-B83, 81. Q-B84, 82. Q-B85, 83. Q-B86, 84. Q-B87, 85. Q-B88, 86. Q-B89, 87. Q-B90, 88. Q-B91, 89. Q-B92, 90. Q-B93, 91. Q-B94, 92. 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EUROPEAN ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

JEAN DESFORGES WINS
THE FIRST GOLD
MEDAL FOR BRITAIN

Berne, Aug. 26.

Britain gained her first gold medal in the European Athletic Championships when Jean Desforges won the Women's Long Jump with a Championship record leap of 6.04 metres (19 feet 9 3/4 inches). She beat the greatly fancied Russian, Alexandra Chudina, and now has a great opportunity to complete a "double" by taking the Women's 80 Metres Hurdles for which she is one of the favourites.

Germany's Heinz Fütterer won the Men's 100 Metres final in 10.5 seconds from Frenchman Rene Bonino with Britain's George Ellis third.

Soviet Russia won two of the five gold medals divided on a day when six Games records were broken.

Leonid Shcherbakov won the men's High Jump and, and Chlana Zybina won the women's Shot Put.

Shcherbakov, world record holder, had a leap of 1.9 metres (6 feet 2 3/4 inches) to create a new Games record.

Zybina threw 16.05 metres (51 feet 4 1/4 inches) but was well below her world and European marks.

Chlana Zybina won the gold medal of the championships.

when Josef Dolzal had an easy victory in the 10 Kilometres Walk. His Games record time of 45 minutes and 1.8 seconds was a great performance in view of the koddon track caused by heavy morning rain.

Heinz Fütterer of Germany won the men's 100 Metres final in 10.5 seconds. He had a clear-cut victory over Rene Bonino of France while George Ellis of Britain gained the Bronze Medal after a terrific struggle with the German's second string, Pohl. Bonino clocked 10.6 seconds and Ellis and Pohl both 10.7 seconds.

Litayev, Russian world record holder, set a new European Games record in winning his

heat to qualify for the final of the men's 400 Metres Hurdles. He clocked 51.1 seconds—easily the best of the six heats.

Russia also won another heat, Yulin winning in 52.1 seconds.

Robert Shaw kept Britain in the final with a 53.4 seconds win in his heat.

He was wrong.

JUST A WARM-UP

Dr Roger Bannister of Britain had little difficulty in qualifying for Sunday's 1,600 Metres final. The Empire Games Champion finished third in his heat in a time of 3 minutes 51.8 seconds. Winner of the heat was Gunter Dohrow of Germany in 3 minutes 51 seconds dead with Stanislav Jungwirth of Czechoslovakia second in 3 minutes 51.2 seconds.

Bannister ran easily in third place and finished seven yards behind the leaders.

He was looking forward at the finish and it was little more than a warm-up for him.

Britain had another qualifier in Ian Boyd, who finished second in the third and last heat. The winner was Werner Lutz of Germany in 3 minutes 53.2 seconds. Boyd clocked the same time while the Danish runner, Gunnar Nielsen, was third in 3 minutes 53.0 seconds.

The winner of the second heat was Velma Mugosa of Yugoslavia in 3 minutes 51.9 seconds. Hanna of Hungary, considered Bannister's greatest rival, was second.

Another record fell today in the men's 400 Metres final.

The Russian, Ignatyev, closed 47 seconds dead to win his heat and qualify for the final.

The winner of the second qualifying heat, Haas, of Germany, clocked 47.9.

Ignatyev, who gained Britain's first Gold Medal in the Women's Long Jump final with a leap of 6.04 metres (19 feet 9 3/4 inches)—a new Championship record.

Alexandra Chudina, the formidable Russian girl, finished second with 5.93 metres and the Polish girl, Elzbieta Dunska, was third with 5.83 metres.

Russia took the first three places in the women's Shot Put final.

The winner was the world record holder Galina Zybina, whose winning throw today was 15.05 metres (49 feet 4 1/4 inches)—a new Games record but well below her world and European mark.

Both the second and third, Kuznetsova and Tyskhovich, also bettered the previous Games record.

Britain's Chris Chataway and Freddie Green, joint holder of the world's Three Miles record, both comfortably reached the final of the 5,000 Metres.

There was a near sensation in one heat of the 5,000 Metres when Emil Zatopek, holder of the title, took things a little too easily and was nearly edged out of a qualifying place.

Zatopek and the Finn Vroho Juhon logged around the last lap chasing and apparently in agreement to cross the line together. They ambled along the finishing straight to achieve this but were unaware that the Swiss runner, Page, was putting in a terrific burst to catch the "holsters". He failed by inches only and was eliminated.

THE RESULTS

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

1. Leonid Shcherbakov (Russia) 15.05 metres (49 feet 4 1/4 inches)

2. Roger Norman (Sweden) 15.17 metres (49 feet 9 1/4 inches)

3. Martin Rohak (Czechoslovakia) 15.10 metres (49 feet 6 3/4 inches)

10 KILOMETRES WALK

1. Josef Dolzal (Czechoslovakia) 45 minutes 1.8 seconds

2. Egorov (Russia) 45 minutes 53.0 seconds

3. Lobastov (Russia) 45 minutes 21.8 seconds

100 METRES DASH

1. Heinz Fütterer (Germany) 10.5 seconds

2. Rene Bonino (France) 10.6 seconds

3. George Ellis (England) 10.7 seconds

WOMEN'S LONG JUMP

1. Jean Desforges (England) 6.04 metres (19 feet 9 3/4 inches)

2. Alexandra Chudina (Russia) 5.93 metres (19 feet 6 1/4 inches)

3. Elzbieta Dunska (Poland) 5.82 metres (19 feet 1 1/4 inches)

WOMEN'S SHOT PUT

1. Galina Zybina (Russia) 15.05 metres (49 feet 4 1/4 inches)

2. Maria Kuznetsova (Russia) 14.89 metres (48 feet 10 1/4 inches)

3. Tatyana Tyskhovich (Russia) 14.78 metres (48 feet 6 1/4 inches)

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Hongkong, 27th Aug., 1954.

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We, Lucas Steamship Company, Limited, of Windsor House, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of the termination of a Time-Charter, we have applied to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the steamship "JAGRAKSIK" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 140299, Gross tonnage 5342.85 tons, Register tonnage 3264.31 tons, heretofore owned by Lucas Steamship Company Limited, of Windsor House, Hong Kong, for permission to change her name back to S.S. "LUCAS TRADER" and to have her re-registered in the said name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by Lucas Steamship Company Limited.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 27th day of August, 1954.

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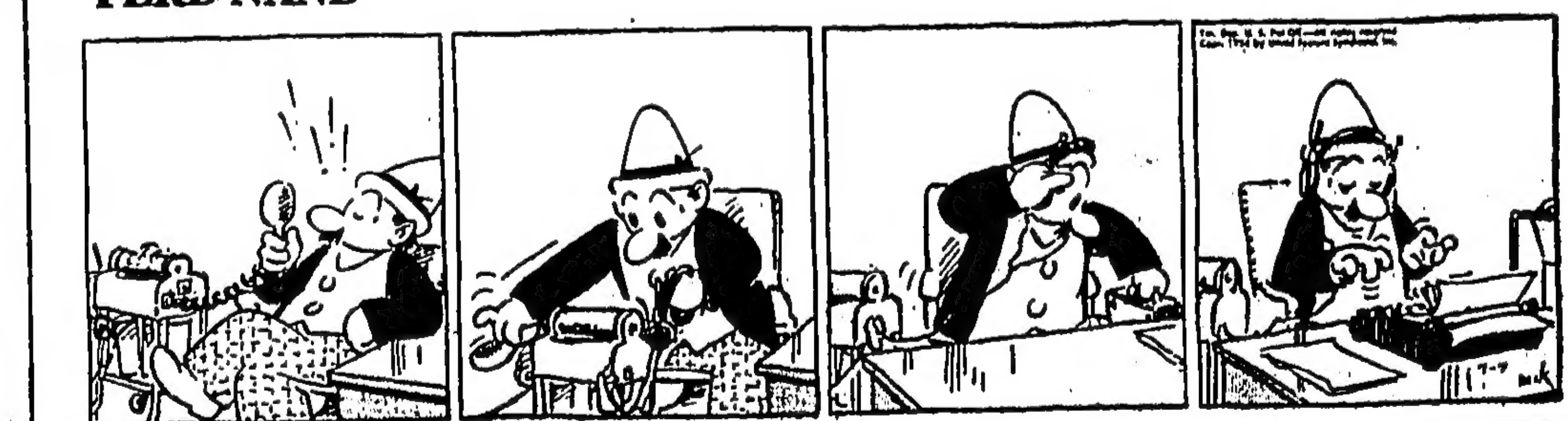
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Civilisation Benefits For Burma's Naga Head-Hunters

Rangoon, Aug. 26.

The head-hunting Naga tribesmen, in Burma's northwest frontier, are to receive the benefits of civilisation under the Government's Pyidawtha (welfare state) programme.

These semi-civilised tribesmen, estimated to number about 65,000, live along the mountainous and forest covered 360-mile border with India. There are 12 tribes of Nagas in Burma and many others on the Indian side of the border.

Head-hunting is part of their social structure and although attempts were made throughout the British occupation to stop it by imposing heavy penalties, these efforts were never very successful owing to the difficulty of administering and policing this remote area.

There was considerable guerrilla activity in the Naga Hill districts during the war. Brigadier Wingate led his "Chindits" through their territory during his first expedition behind the Japanese lines, while American, British and Indian engineers build the famous Stillwell Road across the northern part of the Nagas country.

The hill tribesmen remain animists, worshipping nats (spirits) which, they believe, control their lives and to whom they make animal sacrifices.

AIRCRAFT PARTS

Favourite clothing since the war for these naked warriors has been wire and parts from planes which crashed in the hills that lay beneath the main bomber route into Burma. The more sophisticated who live near the plains and have come into contact with civilisation, have

adopted the habit of wearing loin cloths. Some even drape themselves in blankets.

Natural defensive positions are chosen for Naga villages which are perched on seemingly inaccessible hillsides. In some of the administered areas, they live in huge barrack-like huts accommodating about 100 people so that they can minimise the government house tax of three kyats (about four shillings and six pence) per house per year.

CRIME UNKNOWN

Crime is unknown in their villages, for they are content with their simple possessions and do not covet anything else. (Head-hunting cannot be considered a crime since it is part of their heritage.) Proof of their honesty is that every village has its communal grain store from which families can help themselves.

But with the advance of "civilisation" to these villages near the plains, it is reported that thefts are increasing alarmingly as the Nagas learn to want the luxuries of life and are determined to "keep up with the people next door."—China Mail Special.

Serious Threats To French Tourist Industry

Paris, Aug. 26.

High prices, memories of last year's strikes and inclement weather are combining to threaten the French tourist industry, the country's most vital invisible asset.

These three factors, singly or together, are changing the whole pattern of tourism in France. The land which used to be the world's number one holiday resort is now rapidly becoming a mere transit centre.

The travel agencies so far report no sharp decrease in the number of foreign arrivals. But they are perturbed that visitors are remaining here for a far shorter period than hitherto before moving on.

Many tourists, including wealthy Americans, in previous years would spend the whole of their holidays in Paris and the surrounding area, are today "doing the city" in three or four days.

Others, who used to establish headquarters here for European tours, have changed to Brussels, London or Geneva—which means that the thousands of dollars, sterling and other foreign currency which made tourism the third biggest French export industry are not falling in such abundance into the treasury's coffers.

COST OF LIVING

The high cost of living is the biggest contributory cause to the decline. Prices have remained fairly steady during the past 12 months, but there were periods during the spring when shortages sent food costs soaring.

Restaurants have made an effort to keep menus varied and reasonably priced but the 500-franc (10/-) meal is still rare and visitors are tired of scouring the city for places where they can eat cheaply. French cooking is, and always will be, one of the great attractions, but end-of-dinner bills, padded with service and cover charges, are liable to sour even the most satisfied stomachs.

One restaurant owner, who normally specialises in tourist trade, pointed glumly to his empty tables and declared: "The gloss has worn off. Last year

HOTEL PRICES

One of the most constant complaints heard from tourists is that quoted hotel prices look very outlandish when taxes and extras are added at the end of a stay. The French tourist office last year launched the idea of overall prices, but few establishments have so far taken it up.

Perhaps the people hardest hit by the new trend are the Paris shopkeepers. Luxury articles, clothing, shoes and women's dresses, for which Paris has long been famous, can now be found at sometimes half the French price in Italy and at much less than half in Spain.

Tourists still gaze in admiration at the elaborately dressed shop windows of the Rue de Rivoli, the Champs-Elysees and the Faubourg Saint-Honore. Sometimes they pluck up enough courage to go inside to enquire the prices. But only rarely do they make a purchase.

LEFT A MARK

The nationwide strikes last August when the whole railway system was paralysed and thousands of foreign visitors were left stranded has left its mark. There is, at the present, no danger of a repetition of the disastrous stoppages, but those who were bitten last time are today fighting shy of France.

A typical remark heard from disconsolate British and American tourists squatting on their bags outside the locked Paris stations last August was: "I'll never come back again."

Some of them have gone back on their vows. The eternal attractions of France are still strong in the Anglo-Saxon mind. But too often the holiday-makers are merely passing through, sometimes spending a night or two here between trains, sometimes a few experimental days to see if conditions have improved—only to find that they are exactly the same or worse.

BAD WEATHER

For the second year running, the whole of northern France has been plagued by bad weather this spring and summer.

Warm, sunny days provide only rare intervals between long cloudy, cool and rainy spells.

Visitors have been discouraged from making the open-air excursions, such as trips down the river Seine, and from outdoor cafe sitting, which are among the highlights of a Paris holiday.

The French tourist industry cannot be held responsible for an act of God. But this misfortune is helping to drive the tourists south.

Unless radical changes are made soon in the whole price structure of France, this country may lose its position as the world's number one holiday resort.



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Jealousy between the different branches reached a climax in Strasbourg in the early postwar years, when a judicial police officer was shot dead by a Sureto man in an ambush which the two forces had laid independently—not

violence in a book he published recently on French Law, "Beating up," he wrote, "though rare among the Gendarmes, is relatively frequent among the police. In large measure it is a legacy from the methods introduced into France by the Gestapo during the occupation."

Another aspect of police activities, which lowered the morale of the force and provoked

senior officers are pleading that the three branches should be merged into a single force and that all recruits should pass through a common training school.

For France's policemen are proud of their reputation for efficiency and justice and determined to root out whatever corruption wherever they find it.

—Chyna Hall Special.

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